

HOLD PRICES UP, STEEL MEN AGREE

Representatives of Forty-two Companies Meet and Decide on Plan.

Stability in Prices Pleases Buyers for the Manufacturers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A "gentleman's agreement," having for its purpose the maintenance of present prices for all steel, iron, and wire products, finished or in course of manufacture, was concluded at a banquet and secret conference of the representatives of forty-two of the principal iron and steel companies of the country.

This clever scheme to maintain the much desired stability in prices, at a time when price-cutting might be suicidal, was proposed by Judge Elbert H. Dary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation.

Banquet at Waldorf.

The story of this agreement has just leaked out. The banquet and conference, was held at the Waldorf-Astoria, and on Judge Gary's suggestion they agreed to support the plan to hold prices at present levels.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that conditions were sound, and that only confidence was shaken. With out the mutual understanding as to prices, many intending purchasers might, and unquestionably would, expect material concessions and would not only hold off their orders pending this, but would endeavor to start competitive bidding to the demoralization of the entire trade.

Judge Gary called attention to the fact that when pig iron was \$22 a ton in Pittsburgh, the leading producers did not advance their selling prices on finished material, but held them at a stable figure, which really afforded but a little profit. With the decline of \$5 a ton in pig iron, it was nothing more than fair that prices remain unchanged.

Buyers Pleased.

Stability, and the assurance that prices will be about the same next month, hence, is the one thing that buyers desire. They do not like to buy with the possibility of a bad break in values sixty days hence.

At the conference there were representatives of the American Bridge Company, P. C. Frick Coal Company, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, United States Steel Corporation, American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, American Steel Foundries, American Wire and Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company, and thirty-three other corporations.

Among the men of national fame in the steel and iron industry were Judge Gary, President W. E. Corey, Charles M. Schwab, George W. Perkins, William L. King, J. A. Hatfield, and I. M. Scott.

Letters to Santa Claus Delivered to The Times: Many Requests Are Unique

Notwithstanding the countless hundreds of Santa Claus missives sent up the chimney and borne on to their destination by sympathetic zephyrs, many letters addressed to good old St. Nicholas have been delivered at The Times office. Two of the most modest requests received by Kris Kringle today were from little Raymond Shaw and his sister, Magdelaine, of 1253 Thirty-fifth street, Georgetown.

Raymond is evidently a struggling poet. He indited a sonnet to Santa Claus and put his requests for presents for good little boys in the form of poetry. A Teddy wagon and a sleigh are the only things needed to fill this little rhymester's cup of joy to overflowing, and he adds for Kris Kringle's information that he "don't live far away."

His sister, scarcely six years old, has the maternal instinct fully developed, and the one thing in the world that she craves is "a big doll baby with real eye-lashes." Whether she intended to be humorous or not, it is a strange but true fact that all the gorgeous eye-lashes that we see are not "real," and

her discrimination is praiseworthy. This is Magdelaine's first favor of Santa Claus at such an early date, but she evidently anticipates busy times for the jolly old fellow and wanted to put in her bid early. A stove, go-cart, rocking chair, table, and dishes are incidental wishes which must be supplied if the house of the "big doll baby with real eye-lashes" would be properly furnished.

Letter in Poetry.

"Dear Old Santa,
So kind and true,
I know if I ask you
To do what I want you to;
A teddy wagon and a sleigh
For a little boy that don't live far away."

"RAYMOND SHAW,
"1253 Thirty-fifth street northwest.
And here is his little sister Magdelaine's missive to dear old Santa:
"Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl of six years and this is the first time I ever asked you for a favor so soon. I want a doll and a go-cart, stove, a rocker chair, table, and dishes, and a big doll baby."
"MAGDELEINE SHAW,
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CAPUZAYA MINING SUIT INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Justice Gould, in Equity Court No. 2 today, postponed indefinitely the case of the Capuzaya Mining Company, which was docketed for hearing this morning. This is a petition of the United States for the appointment of a receiver.

Counsel announced that they would apply to have a date fixed for the hearing after the negotiations that are being conducted by the several interests among the stockholders, looking to a settlement of the many complicated interests involved, are ended.

Prisoner Jumps From Train.

BEAVER, Pa., Nov. 22.—After leaping from a fast moving train with his hands manacled behind him, Harry Kerr, a prisoner arrested on a charge brought by his daughter, and being taken to this city, escaped last evening in a boat across the Ohio river. A fusillade of bullets were fired at the man, but he escaped and has not been captured.

VITAL RECORDS

Births.
Robert and Paralee Williams, boy.
Charles E. and Edna M. Talbot, girl.
Joseph E. and Nellie O'Connor, boy.
James A. and Nellie A. Myers, girl.
Joseph M. and Winifred Michaelson, boy.
William F. and Marie L. Holmead, boy.
Mortimer B. and Carrie L. Godfrey, girl.
Gustavus T. and Catherine E. Graft, girl.
Ridgely and Mary V. Griffith, boy twins.
Peter H. and Annie L. Dietz, boy.
John W. and Laura V. Covington, girl.
James H. and S. Armetta Beattie, girl.
Henry A. and Kate Ashby, boy.

Marriage Licenses.
Benjamin F. Martin to Lena M. Armstrong, both of Norfolk, Va.
John W. Lamkin to Lena H. Miller, girl.

Deaths.
John W. Matchett, 83 years, 425 Ninth street northwest.
Caroline Morgan, 46 years, 816 Connecticut avenue.
Jennie B. McDermott, 80 years, 45 U street northwest.
Mary D. Eastick, 66 years, 105 Kentucky avenue southeast.
Elizabeth Seyford, 42 years, 810 New Jersey avenue northwest.
Maggie A. Halm, 49 years, Providence Hospital.
Francis L. Frank, 36 years, 126 Seventh street northeast.
Robert E. King, 6 days, 1721 Fourth street northwest.

QUAKE IN JAPAN FELT 1,000 MILES

TOKYO, Nov. 22.—The entire empire was shaken by an earthquake early today. Reports have been received from as far north as Hokkaido, the northernmost island of the archipelago. More than 1,000 miles of coast embraced in the area affected.

No damage was done in Tokyo, but full reports have not yet been received from many cities, and much uneasiness is felt.

DUMPING GROUND DESIGNATED.

At the request of the Congress Heights Citizens' Association, a ravine on the line of Sixth street, 250 feet south of Savannah street, has been designated by the Commissioners as a dumping ground for that vicinity.

SORE THROAT COSTS \$1,500; EMMA EAMES CAN'T SING

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A sore throat, or laryngitis, will cost Emma Eames, one of Heinrich Corried's prima donnas, just \$1,500. Because of this illness she will be unable to appear at the two concerts of the New York Symphony Orchestra tomorrow evening and Sunday afternoon in Carnegie Hall.

These appearances were to have been among the very few which the recent wife of Julian Story had consented to grant the American concert public.

In her place will be Josef Hofmann, who is admitted to be one of the few of the world's great piano players.

FORFEITS COLLATERAL.

Five dollars collateral was forfeited in the Police Court today by Frank A. Dennison, who conducts a store at 1006 Tenth street northwest, charged with violating the health ordinances. It was charged that Dennison kept a horse in the rear of his store in violation of the law.

Died.

DEERY.—On Friday, November 22, 1907, at 10 a. m., ANN, sister of James J. and the late Thomas P. Deery, died at her residence, 2408 Randall avenue northeast, Langdon, D. C. Monday at 9 a. m. Interment at Mt. Olivet.

WOHLLEY.—On Wednesday, November 20, 1907, FREDERICK UHLER WOHLLEY, beloved husband of Anna Wohlley, died at his residence, Riverdale, Md., November 22 at 1 p. m. Interment at Mt. Olivet.

McKNEW.—On Thursday, November 21, at 212 G street northwest, DIANA AITCHESON McKNEW, widow of Benjamin P. McKnew, in the sixty-fourth year of her age.

MURRAY.—Suddenly on Saturday, November 2, 1907, HUGH THOMPSON MURRAY, beloved husband of Katherine M. Murray, at his residence, The Addison, 214 Fourteenth street northwest.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at St. Matthew's Church, 202-14.

MATCHETT.—The funeral services of JOHN WESTLEY MATCHETT, The Banner Evangelist, aged eighty-three years, who died at his home at 315 p. m., will be held at Wright's, undertakers, 187 Tenth street northwest, Friday afternoon, November 22, at half past 2 o'clock. All friends are invited and a special invitation is extended to all church and mission workers. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery. 202-12

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Special Notices.

THE PIKE ADDING MACHINE CO. wish to announce that they have removed from the Bond Bldg. to their new offices, Nos. 316-17-18, the Munsey Bldg., where a full line of electric and hand-operated machines are now on exhibition.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Washington Railway and Electric Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the Company, 14th and East Capitol Streets, Washington, D. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1908, between the hours of 1 p. m. and 2 p. m.

The By-Laws require that the books for the transfer of stock shall be closed thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Books for the transfer of stock will, therefore, be closed from December 20, 1907, to January 18, 1908, both dates inclusive.

Holders of Voting Trust Certificates must exchange them for stock certificates on or before December 15, 1907, in order to vote the same.

F. J. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

WHY BUILD DAMP HOUSES? See a Practical ARCHITECT.

CARL VICORY, 1217 24th st. n.w. Phone N. 4302.

THE SEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of two and one-half (2½) per cent has been declared on the preferred stock of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, payable December 1st, 1907, to stockholders of record November 20th, 1907.

Books for the transfer of stock will be closed from November 20th, 1907, to December 1st, 1907, both dates inclusive.

Holders of Voting Trust Certificates should forward them, without delay, to the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, New Jersey, and receive therefor Stock Certificates, in order that the dividend may be paid thereon.

F. J. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.
Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1907.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Any creditor of W. H. Speller objecting to the sale of his business at 239 Pa. ave., n.e., will notify A. L. Newmyer, 406 8th st. n.w., within 5 days after date.

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